CITY OF MORGAN HLL PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION (PRC) REGULAR MEETING MINUTES – FEBRUARY 20, 2007

CALL TO ORDER

Vice Chair Hagiperos called the meeting to order at 7:40 pm

ROLL CALL ATTENDENCE

Present for Meeting: Commissioner Librers, Hagiperos, Frederick, Clark, vanKuelen

DECLARATION OF POSTING OF AGENDA

Municipal Service Assistant Dieter certified that the meeting's agenda was duly noticed and posted in accordance with Government Code Section 54954.2

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

REPORTS

A. Community Park Update

Public Works Deputy Director reported that the work at Community Park is ahead of schedule. Commissioner Hagiperos asked for an update on the duck pond. Public Works Deputy Director Struve said that the pond is in Phase II and a present there is not any money in the budget to remove the pond. When the time is closer we will do some public noticing. Also Commissioner Frederick stated that he feels that we should put up a sign advising the public that it is not healthy to feed bread to the ducks.

BMX Skate Park Update

Public Works Deputy Director Struve reported that the YAC is making progress on the survey for the skate park

Report on Dog Park Grand Opening

Public Works Deputy Director Struve reported that the Dog Park is being well used. The Commissioners advised that there should be more garbage cans and greater supply of waste bags. There was also concern about too many walkers in the access road into the park. Public Works Deputy Director Struve stated that there will be some additional landscaping on the east side of the dog park and they can try to incorporate a walking path for pedestrians.

Park Maintenance Standards

Public Works Deputy Director Struve advised the Commission that his task this year is to provide a rating system for the Park Maintenance Standards. He will be asking the PRC for help keeping in mind how these Park Maintenance Standards relate to the Budget.

Commissioner Clark asked for clarification on the Pest Control Standard. PWDD Struve explained how the city tries to use the Pest Control Standards for Santa Clara County. Morgan Hill Public Works will have a test area on the path between Edmundson and La Crosse, where they will be spraying the weeds with Clove Oil. The Commissioners asked about posting notice when spraying with Round Up. PWDD Struve will look into the State requirements for spraying.

B. RECREATION AND COMMUNITY SERVICES UPDATE

Recreation and Community Services Director Rymer advised the Commission on requirements of the Brown Act. He stated that when there is Public Comment at the beginning of a meeting the person makes his statement and then the Commission can not ask questions. If they want to talk on the subject it would have to be placed on the following agenda.

The Commission was also advised that the City Council adopted all of the 2007 Goals at their last meeting. Most significant to the Recreation Department is the fact that Council will now look at the bottom line of the department as a whole and not as individual buildings.

Mick Hickey will again be the School Liaison to the Parks and Recreation Committee.

C. UPDATE ON CENTENNIAL RECREATION CENTER (CRC)

CRC Supervisor Ghione presented the monthly report. Now in the fourth full month of operation, the CRC is continuing to see good membership sales and is still ahead of initial projections in that area. In other areas (swim lessons, day passes) registration and usage has been slightly less than expected, but continued marketing for those areas is planned. In January, the facility offered a free trial membership that saw many people take advantage of the facility, with a good number of people signing up for CRC memberships at the end of their trials. The teen center hosted a middle school dance on Saturday February 17th. The Kids Zone continues to host parent night out events that have proven to be very successful.

D. UPDATE ON AQUATICS

Aquatics Supervisor Papp spoke about the School Dayz promo letter that she handed out to the School District. She also reported on the upcoming swim meet for February 24th and 25th.

F. COMMISSIONERS REPORTS

None

BUSINESS

1. OUTDOOR SPORTS CENTER OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE

RECOMMENDATIONS - Recreation and Community Services Director Rymer presented information on the Outdoor Sports Center (OSC) and provided recommendations for the PRC

to consider. He reported that on January 17, 2007, the City Council authorized staff to develop construction documents and publicly bid a \$10 million Outdoor Sports Center that includes two synthetic turf fields, field lights, bleachers, concession/restroom/meeting room buildings, parking lot improvements, and associated off-site improvements. The City Council's action was consistent with the PRC's desire to have a full build out of phase one when the funds are available. As part of the decision-making process, the City Council referred the operations and maintenance plan to the Parks and Recreation Commission and directed the PRC "to provide a rental rate recommendation that satisfies the City Council's cost-recovery and community access goals." The goal for this month's PRC meeting is to develop recommendations for the City Council to consider during the Fiscal Year 2007/08 budget process.

COMMISSIONER VANKEULEN MADE A MOTION TO ADOPT THE STAFF RECOMMENDATON OF A 15% COST RECOVERY GOAL FOR THE FIELDS, 100% COST RECOVERY FOR THE FIELD LIGHTS, TO CHARGE A REASONABLE RESIDENT RATE FOR THE CONCESSION BUILDING AND CHARGE NON-RESIDENTS DOUBLE THE STAFF PROPOSED RATES, THAT HOURLY FIELD RATE TO BE DOUBLED FOR NON-RESIDENTS, THAT FIELD LIGHTS BE CHARGED SEPERATELY FROM FIELD USE CHARGE, AND THAT ANNUAL FUTURE REPLACEMENT EXPENSES NOT BE INCLUDED IN RENTAL RATE STRUCTURE. COMMISSIONER HAGIPEROS SECONDED THE MOTION; WHICH PASSED WITH THE FOLLOWING VOTES: YES: VANKEULEN HAGIPEROS, FREDERICK, CLARK; NOES: LIBRERS; ABSTAIN: NONE; ABSENT: HARDT-MASON, LEISER

2. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES FOR JANUARY 16, 2007
COMMISSIONER HAGIPEROS MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE
MINUTES; COMMISSIONER FREDERICK SECONDED THE MOTION, WHICH
PASSED WITH THE FOLLOWING VOTES: YES: LIBRERS, HAGIPEROS,
FREDERICK, CLARK NOES: NONE; ABSTAIN: VANKEULEN ABSENT: HARDTMASON, LEISER

ANNOUNCEMENTS

NONE

REQUEST FOR FUTURE ITEMS

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 9:33 pm to the next regular Parks and Recreation Commission meeting on March 20, 2007.